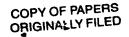
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United States Patent No. 4,068,587 (Bollmer), dated January 17, 1978;

German Patent No. 649 279 (Stein), dated August 5, 1937, method for producing flat printing forms for printing books and newspapers by reprinting a printing form made on the typewriter;

German Patent DE 42 14 207 C1 (Hartung et al.), dated July 22, 1993, device for mounting printing plates on the plate cylinder of printing machines, in particular rotary offset printing machines;

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German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 35 45 172 A1 (Kunkel et al.), dated July 2, 1987, device for registering a rubber blanket on a rubber blanket or form cylinder;

German Published, Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 42 39 089 A1 (Jentzsch), dated November 11, 1993, method for correcting the register of printing plates;

German Utility Model G 94 16 007.4 U1, dated February 9, 1995, printing blanket with tension bars;

European Patent Application EP 0 761 436 A1 (Fox et al.), dated March 12, 1997;

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